

2SHB 1181 - H AMD 1019

By Representative Abbarno

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1 On page 9, after line 9, insert the following:

2 "NEW SECTION. **Sec. 11.** A new section is added to chapter 39.04
3 RCW to read as follows:

4 (1)(a) For any building, bridge, ferry, or park being constructed
5 or replaced after July 1, 2024, as a public works project, there must
6 be installed in appropriate locations signs displaying the 988
7 national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline.

8 (b) The public body as defined in RCW 39.10.210 in control of a
9 public works project in this subsection must decide where signs under
10 this section would be physically feasible and appropriate. The
11 following facilities are recommended to have such signs:

12 (i) Bridges where suicides by jumping have occurred or are likely
13 to occur; and

14 (ii) Locations that provide services to people that have high
15 incidence of suicide or mental health conditions that would benefit
16 from knowing about the hotline.

17 (c) The signs must be designed to communicate that dialing 988 on
18 a telephone will connect callers to behavioral health and suicide
19 prevention services as provided in accordance with state and federal
20 laws governing the 988 number.

21 (d) If a sign is located along a state highway or the interstate
22 system, the department of transportation must approve the location
23 prior to erecting the sign, but no permit is necessary.

24 (e) Signs created under this section may not conflict with
25 provisions of the manual of uniform traffic control devices or
26 existing state laws related to placement and design of signs.

27 (2) Nothing contained in this section shall be construed as
28 conferring a right of action in cases where no right of action exists
29 independent of this section. This section is not intended to create a
30 private right of action by any party or be used to impose liability
31 on the public body if a sign has or has not been posted on the

1 premises of the public facility or in any particular location
2 recommended in this section.

3 (3) The public body may accept gifts or donations to pay for the
4 creation, installation, or maintenance of signs under this section.

5 NEW SECTION. **Sec. 12.** Section 11 of this act takes effect July
6 1, 2024."

7 Renumber the remaining sections consecutively, correct any
8 internal references accordingly, and correct the title.

EFFECT: Requires any building, bridge, ferry, or park constructed or replaced as a public works project after July 1, 2024, to have installed a sign displaying the 988 National Suicide Prevention and Mental Health Crisis Hotline.

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